

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An adjustable trailer hitch, comprising:

a longitudinally extending assembly comprising a stationary portion adapted to be fixed to a vehicle, and a translating portion translatingly attached to the stationary portion and adapted to translate longitudinally relative to the stationary portion;

a first control mechanism operatively attached to the longitudinally extending assembly to controllably translate the translating portion longitudinally relative to the stationary portion;

a latitudinal cross bracket assembly attached to the translating portion such that the latitudinal cross bracket assembly translates longitudinally when the translating portion translates longitudinally;

a hitch receiver portion translatingly attached to the cross bracket assembly and adapted to translate latitudinally relative to the cross bracket assembly in the same plane as the extending assembly; and,

a second control mechanism operatively attached to the receiver portion to controllably translate the receiver portion latitudinally relative to the cross bracket assembly.

2. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 wherein the first control mechanism comprises a motor.

3. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 wherein the second control mechanism comprises a motor.

4. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 further comprising a motor operatively attached to one of the first control mechanism and the second control mechanism.

5. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 4 further comprising a second motor attached to the other of the first control mechanism and the second control mechanism.

6. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 wherein the longitudinally extending assembly is adapted to extend telescopically.

7. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 wherein the longitudinally extending assembly comprises more than one translating portion.

8. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 further comprising a controller operatively connected to at least one of the first control mechanism and the second control mechanism.

9. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 wherein said longitudinally extending assembly further comprising a worm gear disposed between said stationary portion and said translating position.

10. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 further comprising a worm gear operatively disposed between said latitudinally cross bracket assembly and said hitch receiver position.

11. (Original) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 1 in which the first control mechanism transmits power through a first worm gear and the second control mechanism transmits power through a second worm gear.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An adjustable trailer hitch, of claim 1 further comprising:
a longitudinally extending assembly comprising a stationary portion adapted to be fixed to a vehicle, and a translating portion translatingly attached to the stationary portion and adapted to translate longitudinally relative to the stationary portion;
a first control mechanism operatively attached to the longitudinally extending assembly to controllably translate the translating portion longitudinally relative to the stationary portion;
a latitudinal cross bracket assembly attached to the translating portion such that the latitudinal cross bracket assembly translates longitudinally when the translating portion translates longitudinally;
a hitch receiver portion translatingly attached to the cross bracket assembly and adapted to translate latitudinally relative to the cross bracket assembly;
a second control mechanism operatively attached to the receiver portion to controllably translate the receiver portion latitudinally relative to the cross bracket assembly; and

a safety latch pivotally attached to the stationary portion, the safety latch including a portion adapted to contact the cross-bracket assembly when the cross-bracket assembly is retracted, said contact causing the safety latch to pivot toward a latched position.

13. (Currently Amended) The adjustable trailer hitch ~~receiver assembly~~ of claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the safety latch comprises a first pin receiving portion and the cross-bracket assembly comprises a second pin receiving portion, and the first pin receiving portion is aligned with the second pin receiving portion when the safety latch is in the latched position such that a pin can be engaged in both the first and second pin receiving portions.

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19. (Currently Amended) An adjustable trailer hitch, comprising:

longitudinally extending means comprising stationary means adapted to be fixed to a vehicle, and translating means translatingly attached to the stationary means and adapted to translate longitudinally relative to the stationary means;

first control means operatively attached to the longitudinally extending means to selectively translate the translating means longitudinally relative to the stationary means;

latitudinal cross bracket means attached to the translating means such that the latitudinal cross bracket means translates longitudinally when the translating means translates longitudinally;

receiver means translatingly attached to the cross bracket means and adapted to translate latitudinally relative to the cross bracket means in the same plane as the longitudinally extending means; and,

second control means operatively attached to the receiver means to selectively translate the receiver means latitudinally relative to the cross bracket means.

20. (New) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 8, wherein the controller is hand-held.

21. (New) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 20, wherein said first control mechanism and the second control mechanism are disabled when the controller is disconnected from said at least one of the first control mechanism and the second control mechanism.

22. (New) The adjustable trailer hitch of claim 8 wherein said controller includes a cord selectively connectable to a receptacle on said cross-bracket assembly and wherein said control mechanisms are disabled when said cord is disconnected from said receptacle.